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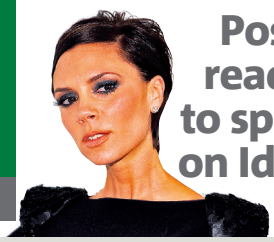

Posh ready to spar on Idol

Six injured in B.C. coffee shop crash

PATIO Police are considering charges against a woman in her 70s who allegedly drove her car onto the patio of a Richmond, B.C., Starbucks and injured six people.

RCMP Cpl. Jennifer Pound said the woman was trying to reverse her vehicle Saturday afternoon when she instead went forward.

Pound said six people were injured as a result of the crash and two were taken to hospital.

One victim is in stable condition but will have to undergo surgery, while another lost feeling from the waist down but now appears to be on the mend.

The four other victims were able to walk away.

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Field lacrosse **Knights golden**

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Oshawa Blue Knights player Taylor Landry, left, fends off Orangeville's Callon Williams yesterday during the girls under-19 provincial field lacrosse championship at Iroquois Park in Whitby. Oshawa beat Orangeville 12-7 to win the gold medal, while Landry was invited to the national under-19 team trials in Peterborough next week.

Seeking answers

Questions remain one year after Sunrise Propane blast

It's an image seared on the brains of thousands of residents who fled their beds in the dead of night: Gigantic balls of fire exploding like sunbursts high above their homes.

Hundreds of windows shattering. Toxic asbestos coating lawns and choking smoke filling the air. Buildings rocked from their foundations.

And with the tremendous boom, roused residents scattered in terror out of their northwest Toronto community like ants from a smoked-out colony.

One year later, emotions are still sparked by the explosion at the Sunrise Propane facility on Aug. 10, 2008. Some lessons have been learned since then, and life has resumed to normal for most, but several key questions remain and lives of some are still in disarray.

"Psychologically, (residents) want to know how it happened and they want the people who are accountable to be brought to justice," says Harvin Pitch, lead counsel in a pending class action suit representing the 10,000 or so residents who make up the neighbourhood at ground zero.

"A good majority now have settled down, houses have been fixed. ... A smaller group are still out of their homes, or, if they're back in, they're suffering trauma."

The Ontario Fire Marshal's office is still investigating and has yet to issue a report.

While Sunrise Propane had its licences revoked early on, it was only last week the Ontario Ministry of Labour laid two charges under the Occupational Health and Safety Act. If convicted, fines could reach upwards of $500,000 per count. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bevy of concerns

- The devastating blast propelled a bevy of concerns to the fore, chief among them the conflict between industry and citizens. As residents flooded from their homes towards temporary shelters on that rainy early morning, they charged no one had listened to their long-standing fears that an accident was waiting to happen.

Pooches are doggone intelligent, researcher says

Longtime dog lovers swear their pets can read their minds. Perhaps that's because the brains of people and their pooches have a lot more in common than previously thought.

"Darwin basically said that anything that is useful doesn't just appear out of nothing," said Stanley Coren, an author, psychologist and dog researcher who was speaking Saturday at the American Psychological Association's annual convention in Toronto.

"We'll begin to see glimmers of it in more primitive form in other species. And I think that's the way it works when it comes to consciousness."

Research shows dogs have similar intelligence to a 24- to 30-month-old child, Coren said. For the record, cats are considered to have the intelligence of an 18-month-old.

The average dog has a vocabulary of about 165 words. The smartest canines understand up to about 250 words and are able to figure out new ones on their own.

"That kind of fast language learning we thought was only possible among humans and some of the higher apes."

But more than that, tests suggest that dogs and apes both have some of the same basic emotions — fear, anger, disgust and pleasure — that toddlers experience, said Coren, while both the animal groups are missing some of the more complex, learned emotions such as guilt.

Coren suggests smarter dogs can count reliably to five and can spot errors in rudimentary arithmetic. They can also learn basic abstract geometric concepts such as big and small. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Police closing in on Scarborough shooting suspect
Police say reports from neighbours are helping them close in on the killer of a 22-year-old man shot to death at a basketball court beside a Scarborough housing project. A weekend autopsy showed Zabiullah "Zabi" Mojaddedi died from a gunshot wound, homicide Det. Ian Briggs said yesterday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Province unwilling to help: Lawyers

Critics say it's the Ontario government's unwillingness to take swift action on the underfunded legal aid system that's fuelling a growing boycott in the province. Adam Boni of the Criminal Lawyers Association says people both inside and outside the justice system have come to see that defence lawyers aren't getting the money they need to try cases. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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These results are not official.

Pair charged with attempted murder

CRIME Helen Soady, 56, was found last Monday in a pool of blood on the floor of her Etobicoke apartment days after police first went to check out a report a woman had been assaulted.

James Thorpe

Police said Soady couldn't shout for help because she had deep wounds to her throat. She is reportedly in critical condition, recovering in hospital. Shannon Soady, 36, and James Thorpe, 40, are charged with attempted murder.
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Summer arriving this week?

Environment Canada calling for temperatures in high 20's

It might be muggy and wet today but the rest of the week will finally feel like summer.

Temperatures are expected to hit highs of 27C to 30C tomorrow through to Saturday with sunny skies, Rob Kuhn, a severe weather meteorologist for Environment Canada, said yesterday.

"(It's) summer weather finally … I don't think it will be uncomfortable by any means. It'll just be beautiful," Kuhn said, adding the next couple days is an ideal time for vacationers.

The same, unfortunately, couldn't be said for yesterday's rollercoaster of weather conditions.

A warm front brought showers to the area yesterday morning, hitting certain areas in the city with 10 to 15 millimetres of downpour in just minutes, Kuhn said, adding a funnel cloud was reported as forming over Highway 401 and Yonge Street in the morning.

IAN WILLMS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto's Edwin Encarnacion looks up into a stream of sunlight as the roof is opened during yesterday's game between the Toronto Blue Jays and Baltimore Orioles at the Rogers Centre. Much like the weather, the Blue Jays fortunes turned and Toronto won 7-3. **For more on Jays see page 14.**

But there's "no indication that anything got close to contact on the ground," Kuhn said.

The thunderstorm reportedly knocked out the power at Pearson Airport, grounding all flights. It also forced organizers to cancel last night's Nickelback concert at the Molson Amphitheatre.

While there were heavy thunderstorms last night, the rest of the week promises sunnier days in the city, forecasters say.
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She has the best brain in the world

COMPETITION They came to Toronto from high schools around the world for the 11th annual Brain Bee competition. They saw, and identified, real human brains and met other worldwide teen neuroscience champs.

One person conquered, Julia Chartove, 17, from Rockville, Maryland, winning the title of "world's best brain."

Toronto

• Sean Amodeo, 18, of Toronto, the Canadian national bee champ, placed fifth overall.

She walks away with a $3000 prize and a prestigious neuroscience internship — and of course, international bragging rights. Chartove wants to research neurological disorders when she's done school. "Neuroscience is the best fusion of biology and psychology, it's a testable way to learn more about people and the way we think." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto neighbourhoods targeted by Internet scam

FRAUD An Internet con artist has targeted hundreds in upscale Toronto neighbourhoods in recent days, preying on the goodwill of people led to believe their friends are stranded overseas and need money now.

400
One of the 400 contacts who received the request sent $2,500, while another sent $1,000.

Police are trying to track down the culprit, but cyber crime can originate anywhere in the world, making it difficult to make an arrest.

The fraud begins when the hacker finds a way into a private email account and changes the password so the account is inaccessible to the owner, Det. Murray Barnes of Toronto police said yesterday.

The hacker then poses as the owner of the account and spams everyone on the address list, claiming to be stranded in a foreign city such as Birmingham, England.

He or she pleads with friends to send money. Those who reply typically get brief responses urging them to send the money quickly via Western Union-meaning the funds can be accessed from anywhere and by anybody.
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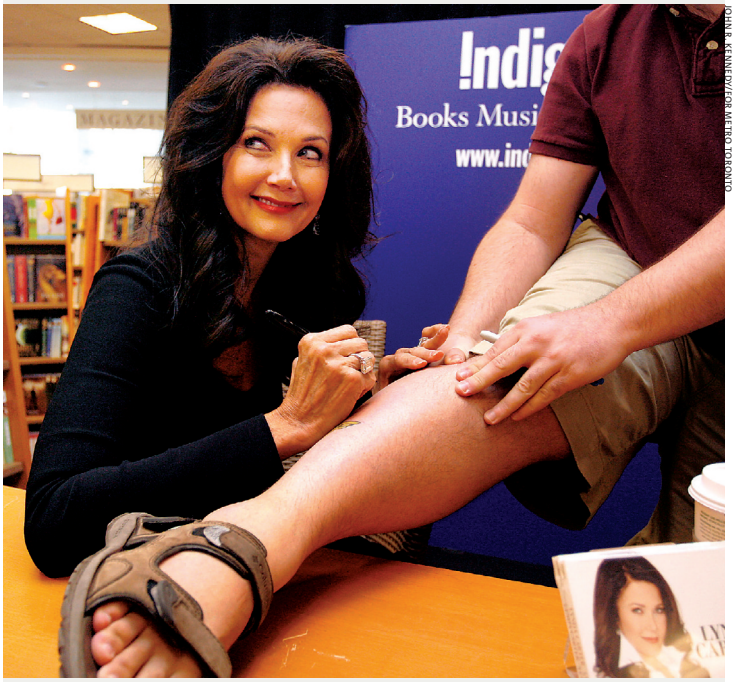

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Lynda Carter of TV's Wonder Woman signs a fan's leg during an autograph session to promote her CD At Last inside the Indigo Books at Yorkdale Mall over the weekend. The man said he plans to have her signature made into a permanent tattoo.

News in brief

ASSAULT A woman was sexually assaulted after meeting two men downtown early yesterday morning. The first suspect is described as a white male, 25-30-years-old, 5-foot-9 to 6-feet, about 180 lbs., wearing a dark short-sleeved shirt. The second suspect is described as a white male, 25-30-years-old with light brown hair. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Children sent home from camp after virus outbreak

Hundreds of children have been sent home from a summer camp northwest of Regina after an outbreak of a gastrointestinal virus. Art Thiessen, executive director of Dallas Valley Ranch Camp, said that out of approximately 300 people at the facility, about 60 became ill with the unidentified illness. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Married man to be Catholic priest

For the first time in Prince Edward Island, a married man is going to be ordained a Roman Catholic priest. Martin Carter, 63, says the Pope occasionally does grant special permission for married men to become priests in cases where they've converted from other Christian churches. The former Anglican priest says there's been about 10 cases in Canada over the past few decades.

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RCMP to aid drug war: PM

Mounties to offer education to Mexican police to fight cartels

The Mounties will play a role in Mexico's fight against violent drug cartels, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced yesterday.

He made the announcement as he arrived for a Three Amigos summit in a country sideswiped by war between rival gangs.

The RCMP will offer a variety of training programs to hundreds of Mexican federal police ranging from rookie recruits to senior officers.

The program is modest — just $400,000 from a $15-million-a-year fund created in the 2009 budget to fight crime in the Americas.

But the Harper government says it's responding to specific demands from Mexico, and is prepared to do more.

"This is sort of a first phase," said one government official. "We'll continue to work with them to see what other requests we have."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

The gesture comes at a low point in Canada-Mexico relations, with Mexicans angered by new travel rules Canada imposed on them.

The Mounties will offer tips on interviewing techniques for entry-level police; mid-level officers will learn about money-laundering, undercover tactics, and child exploitation; and senior officers will hear about crisis management, public relations, and dealing with civilian leaders.

The announcement comes as Mexico conducts a major overhaul of its justice system, switching from an inquisitorial system dominated by paper submissions to an adversarial one like Canada's, where the prosecution and defence square off in a courtroom.

The shift will force police to change the way they gather evidence and prepare for trials.

It is designed to help police cope with an escalating drug war.

An estimated 6,000 people died last year in a conflict that has seen scores of civilians, police and civic leaders murdered by drug cartels.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Education hard to attain for teen moms: Advocate

ALBERTA Juelle Smalridge was overwhelmed when she became a mother at age 17, but she juggled her new parental responsibilities with her studies and finished high school, something not many teen parents in Alberta are able to do.

Smalridge, who is now 18 with a 14-month-old son, is one of the successful students at Braemar, a school created by the Terra Association for pregnant and parenting teens in Edmonton.

"Unfortunately, the percentage going back to school is very small," said Karen Mottershead, executive director at Terra.

Many teen mothers quit classes because they are living on their own, without family support, and are daunted by a bureaucratic maze they must navigate to get government help to go back to school, Mottershead said.

"It's almost that they have been penalized by the system for being pregnant."
Karen Mottershead, Terra Association

There are 37 agencies and dozens of programs for children and parents, but Alberta doesn't have a dedicated pot of money for teen moms, so they have to meet the same criteria as an adult parent looking for aid in several areas.

"It's almost that they have been penalized by the system for being pregnant," Mottershead said.

"What we find most striking is that this is not people trying to apply for post-secondary education; they just want to go through high school, which is a fundamental right." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada needs post-2011 Afghan strategy, experts say

MILITARY Ask anyone in Ottawa's corridors of power what the plan is for Canada and Afghanistan post-2011 and you're greeted with silence.

The musing last week of NATO's new secretary-general that he would "strongly regret" the exit of Canada's combat forces from Kandahar served to underline the unpleasant truth that the federal Conservatives have articulated no clear strategy beyond the call to bring the troops home.

When government ministers do occasionally tiptoe into that political minefield it's usually with the platitudes-laced generality that Canada will continue its important aid and reconstruction mission in Kandahar.

DENE MOORE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Women hide under a blanket in a compound yesterday, their faces hidden from the view of Canadian soldiers as members of the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team search the compound.

Canada does have its signature projects, which the government will be able to point to as accomplishments in the post-2011 time frame, but there is a growing consensus among experts the government is closing its eyes and ears when it comes to Afghanistan.

It's a dubious strategy, especially when an anxious public is faced with mounting casualties, as was the case in July, the bloodiest month for coalition troops since the 2001 overthrow of the Taliban.

The provincial reconstruction base in Kandahar city, the showcase of Canada's development efforts, is tentatively slated to operate until 2015. Yet questions about how it will stay open and who will take over security for a growing civilian presence are left unanswered.

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Aboriginals eye traditional healers to take on swine flu

Flu Outbreak

ILLNESS For a sore throat, the roots of a type of plant that grows in the water.

For a fever, the gum and needles of a spruce tree, boiled together and swallowed first thing in the morning.

These are just a few of the techniques aboriginal healer Be'sha Blondin would use to fight swine flu if it came to her community.

Aboriginals have been hit particularly hard by influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, which has been implicated in more than 60 deaths across Canada.

Leaders have pointed out that a shortage of healthcare workers and supplies, overcrowding and a lack of running water have made many remote reserves more vulnerable to the spread of disease.

Blondin said traditional healers are eager to face the challenges of the rapidly spreading flu.

Sydney Garrioch, the grand chief of 30 native communities in northern Manitoba — more than half of which are accessible only by plane — said members are meeting to figure out how traditional healers can help out ahead of an expected resurgence of the swine flu virus this fall.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

3 arrested in YouTube duck-killing video

CRIME Three Saskatchewan men were arrested Saturday in connection with a recent YouTube video that showed three males using rifles to shoot ducks on a Prairie pond, footage that has caused widespread public outrage.

A spokesman for the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment said all three suspects, whose names have not been released, were arrested Saturday morning in a small Saskatoon-area community.

The accused men, who are all in their early 20s, are to appear in Saskatoon provincial court today.

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News in brief

FIRE More than 2,000 residents of B.C.'s Central Okanagan who have been forced from their homes by the Terrace Mountain blaze aren't likely to have their evacuation order rescinded soon. Fire information officer Mitch Miller said he doesn't yet anticipate any changes to the orders and alerts that have been put in place for the 88-square-kilometre blaze, north of Kelowna.

INJURY Provincial occupational health and safety officials are investigating after a 21-year-old employee was struck in the head by a midway ride in Saskatoon Friday night.

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Comment

Revolving door of love

HineSight

Last time, this column was about my friend Rob's new romance. After it ran, a concerned reader sent this tweet:

"Yr column shows a complete lack of faith n yr friend's ability 2 fnd tru happiness, based on nothing bt his entire dating history. Dnt u believe in luv?"

I was shocked. I had no idea Rob Twittered.

I do believe in love. What I believe is that it falls into two categories — the kind that's guaranteed to last forever and "not so much." The second type may look like this:

1. *Puppy Love*: This may be defined as any romance involving two people who think the fact that they have the same music on their iPod means they'll "like totally, totally be together forever." Usually, this is limited to the younger than 15-year-old set. I recall my daughter, Becky, then 14, and I having this conversation:

Becky: I'm so upset. Jeremy and I broke up.

Me: (practised at suppressing comments like "Whoohoo!" or "Who's Jeremy?") Oh?

Becky: Now Devon's asked me out. I said I'm just not ready.

Me: You need time to heal … maybe until you're 40 …

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Becky: I said maybe next weekend.

The reason older, more mature people don't engage in the revolving door romance of youth is obvious. We can't remember that many new names.

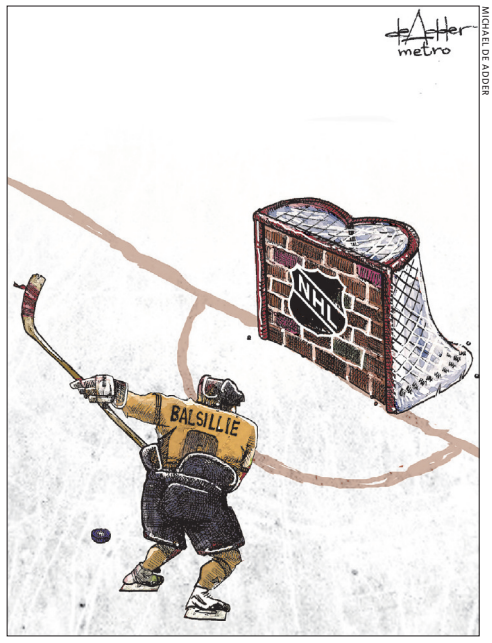
2. *Beach Vacation Fever.* When the weather's hot, romance sizzles. Scientists claim it's about smell; we can detect the scent of desire on each other. But not through a parka. Vacation romance, however, is like a sombrero. It's exotic, it's colourful, you have to have it, but bring it home and you'll have no idea what to do with it.

3. *Relationships based entirely on looks.* No good can come of this. We all know it. We all plan to avoid it. Right after we've dated a personal trainer.

4. *Dating the wrong person.* This is the relationship that's destined to be mad, passionate and blessedly short-lived. Everybody knows it. Except, of course, the two people involved. It's the kind of romance that leaves you thinking either, "Gosh, that was fun." Or "What the heck was I thinking?" Or both.

We all hope to find a love that lasts. In the meantime, the good thing about a "not forever" love is that it's … well, not forever. Which means there's only one way to handle it. Enjoy it entirely.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.



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Worth mentioning

Dissuade cheaters with more learning: Teacher

A recognized expert on student cheating has a lesson plan of his own for schools looking to curtail the practice in the classroom — encourage more focus on learning material, less on grades.

Eric Anderman, professor of educational psychology at Ohio State University, discussed the issue of academic dishonesty and the latest research on cheating in schools in his presidential address to the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association in Toronto Saturday.

Anderman said much of the reason student cheating is so extensive is that schools place an emphasis on testing, assessment and ultimately performance-based results focused on getting the best grades and scoring highly on tests, which causes a lot of anxiety and stress for students.

When it comes to motivational predictors of cheating, Anderman said when students believe the teacher's goal is to have them learn and understand materials and appreciate what they're learning, it's proven consistently in research that cheating is much less likely to happen.

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On the web

• See metronews.ca/movies for Kevin Sylvester's commentary about filmmaker John Hughes, who died last week. Sylvester, an illustrator, writer and broadcaster, is the author of Neil Flambe and the Marco Polo Murders, due out in spring 2010.

Views

More options coming for transit riders

InTransit

Thanks to effective lobbying and worsening traffic congestion, York Region and northern 416 are about to experience the benefit (and construction pain) of new subway, bus and light rail routes. Above and below the Steeles Avenue boundary, planners and engineers are working on a long list of transit upgrades.

By the end of August, buses will start using an express route to York University. Delayed for years by politics and most recently by design problems, the York U busway will link Downsview subway station with the Keele Street campus. By November, students and staff should be able to travel traffic-free along Dufferin Street and across a special bus road north of Finch Avenue.

Work is beginning on the Spadina subway extension northwest to Highway 7 in Vaughan. The 8.6-kilometre route is expected to cost $2.6 billion and open in 2015. The busway, although shorter, required barely more than $30 million and took just a few years to build. Although these exclusive lanes should significantly help transit riders, the university lobbied in favour of the more expensive subway option.

Queen's Park and Ottawa have also agreed to pay for express bus lanes along Highway 7 as well as parts of Yonge Street in Richmond Hill and Newmarket.

Brampton asked for money, too, and by 2010 its Zum (as in zoom) service will run special buses along Queen Street — similar to York Region's Viva network and the TTC's imminent "Bus Transit City" proposal.

Politicians in other parts of the GTA were not off the mark as fast as their counterparts in York and Toronto. The TTC is busy designing and preparing to start construction of new light rail lines on Sheppard Avenue East and Finch Avenue West — across the northern tier of the city.

Metrolinx, which recently merged with GO Transit, is also studying the expansion of the Yonge subway to Richmond Hill. A proper study must take into account GO's plans to upgrade north-south commuter rail lines in York Region.

Eventually, a Yonge extension will be needed. Construction may possibly coincide with a proposed Downtown Relief Line. The "DRL," an east-west subway corridor, could ease pressure on busy interchange stations and make it possible to pour thousands more people onto Yonge trains north of Steeles Avenue.

Lobbying for this new subway line started late, but central Toronto residents can argue they deserve transit funds, too.

Toronto-based transport writer Ed Drass covers transit issues every Monday; transit@eddrass.com.

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Sri Lankans go to polls
Sri Lanka's ruling coalition and an ethnic Tamil party seen as a front for the defeated Tamil Tiger rebels have won the country's first postwar elections, held near the island's former battlefields. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Briton charged in Iraq shootings

Iraqi authorities arrested a British contractor on murder charges over the shooting deaths yesterday of a British and an Australian contractor in Baghdad's protected Green Zone. It was the second incident in less than three months involving contractor killings in the Green Zone and the suspected gunman could be the first Westerner to face an Iraqi trial on murder charges since a new security pact took effect on Jan. 1. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Storm forces 1 million to flee

CHINA A typhoon pummeled China's eastern coast yesterday, toppling houses, flooding villages and forcing nearly a million people to flee to safety. Officials rode bicycles to distribute food to residents trapped by rising waters. Typhoon Morakot struck after triggering the worst flooding in Taiwan 50 years, leaving dozens missing and feared dead and toppling a six-story hotel. It earlier lashed the Philippines, killing 21 people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

THREAT A plane scheduled to land in China's Xinjiang region that was rocked by ethnic riots last month was diverted to southern Afghanistan by a bomb threat, state media said yesterday. Xinhua News Agency did not identify the airline. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seven bodies recovered

Divers pulled a helicopter and four more bodies out of New York City's murky Hudson River yesterday in their search for victims, wreckage and explanations from a midair collision of a sightseeing helicopter and a small plane that killed nine people.

The dead from Saturday's crash include three fathers and their three teenage sons. The private plane carried a family from Pennsylvania, and the helicopter held five Italian tourists celebrating a couple's 25th wedding anniversary.

The plane approached the helicopter, which had just taken off for a 12-minute tour, from behind and clipped it with a wing, witnesses said.

Both aircraft split apart and fell into the river. Searchers fought swift currents, dealt with visibility as low as 30 centimetres, and dodged debris dumped along the river bottom as they brought four more bodies on to boats. One was found in the fuselage of the helicopter, New Jersey State Police Sgt. Stephen Jones said. Two bodies remained missing.

The collision happened in the same stretch of the Hudson where a US Airways jet landed safely seven months ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Emergency personnel move what appears to be a body from the Hudson River near Hoboken, N.J., yesterday.

Commander calls for Mousavi's arrest

IranCrisis

IRAN Police and judiciary officials sought yesterday to calm public outrage in Iran over the deaths of detained protesters in prison, acknowledging abuses and calling for those responsible to be punished.

A senior commander of the powerful Revolutionary Guard, which led the crackdown against the protesters, meanwhile, said that the three top opposition figures are the ones who should be put on trial, striking a harder line that suggests tensions at the highest levels of Iran's power structure. The commander is calling for the arrest and trial of opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi and former President Mohammad Khatami over the postelection unrest.

The official IRNA news agency quotes Yadollah Javani as saying that the two reformist figures have led what he called a "velvet coup" aimed at toppling Iran's clerical rulers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

PAKISTAN U.S. President Barack Obama's national security adviser says he thinks Pakistani Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud is dead. Claims and counterclaims about Mehsud's fate have swirled since a CIA drone strike last week. James Jones says that he was likely killed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Bancorp's loss widens to $1.8 million

C.A. Bancorp Inc., a Toronto-based merchant bank and money manager, reports its second-quarter loss widened to $1.8 million from just less than $1.3 million for the same period a year earlier. Revenues fell to about $1.4 million from $2.1 million, it reported Friday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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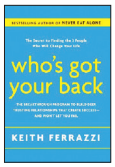

BookReview

REVIEW Keith Ferrazzi is a guy who has had some tremendous success in his career both as an executive working with mega firms such as Deloitte and Starwood Hotels and now with his own consulting firm Ferrazzi Greenlight.

He is the first to tell you that his greatest success has come from building a small number of close relationships versus having a plenitude of connections.

I'm fortunate to know Ferrazzi, having met him at a conference three years ago, and have had great success using the teachings from his first book, my bible, Never Eat Alone. Ferrazzi's second title, Who's Got Your Back, shows the importance of identifying key people in your life who will act as your own personal board.

Having seen Ferrazzi recently, it's clear he has been practising what he's been teaching. CRAIG LUND/ FOR METRO CANADA

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Does TSX rally have the legs?

Coming off a week on the Toronto stock market that saw the TSX briefly go above 11,000 for the first time in 10 months, it may seem like investors can finally relax.

But investment advisers are cautioning that the recent rally — which has been largely based on a stream of positive second-quarter earnings results — doesn't have the fundamentals to sustain itself.

247,000 U.S. employers cut just 247,000 jobs last month, the fewest in a year, while the unemployment fell one-tenth of a percentage point to 9.4 per cent — its first drop in 15 months.

So far, three-quarters of U.S. companies' quarterly earnings have topped expectations, as have half of Canadian companies.

"While earnings expectations have been beaten, revenue expectations have not been beaten as much, which to me indicates that the earnings that are being reported are better than expected because of cost cutting and not because of revenue growth," said Gareth Watson, director and Canadian equity adviser for Scotia McLeod.

The key to revenue growth is increased consumer spending, but so far the numbers aren't encouraging. Major U.S. retailers released their July sales data last week, with most reporting lower sales as shoppers remained tight-fisted, raising concerns about the back-to-school and holiday shopping seasons.

Still, news on Friday that American employers throttled back on layoffs in July offered a strong signal the economy is improving. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hong Kong **Burned investors demand help**

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About 100 investors burned by complex financial products linked to Lehman Brothers protest in Hong Kong yesterday, demanding securities regulators help them negotiate a settlement with the issuing Singaporean bank DBS Group Holdings.

Madoff aide to plead guilty: Prosecutors

LETTER The former chief financial officer for disgraced financier Bernard Madoff — long rumoured to be co-operating with authorities — is expected to plead guilty to unspecified criminal charges, prosecutors said Friday.

In a letter to a judge, the prosecutors said Frank DiPascali agreed to enter the plea in federal court in Manhattan. Earlier Friday, prosecutors filed a one-page notification with the court that DiPascali would be charged in the case. Such a filing usually means there's a plea deal, and the defendant is co-operating. Customers have described DiPascali, 52, as their main contact with the firm.

Madoff's brother and sons, who ran a trading operation under the same roof, large investors and other insiders have come under intense scrutiny, and the FBI has said it expects more arrests. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China still faces economic problems, top official says

CREDIT China's top economic official cautioned yesterday the country still faced economic problems and assured investors that easy credit policies aimed at kick-starting a recovery would continue.

Wen Jiabao said the economy continues to be challenged by plunging demand for Chinese exports and challenges in boosting domestic demand.

Chinese leaders say the recovery is not firmly established even though economic growth accelerated to 7.9 per cent in the latest quarter, up from 6.1 per cent in the previous quarter. They say the rebound is still dependent on government spending and a full-fledged private sector recovery has yet to take hold. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

$586B Wen Jiabao said Beijing will stick to its "relatively relaxed monetary policy" — the 4-trillion yuan ($586 billion US) stimulus package.

Business in brief

RIO TINTO China's state secrets watchdog has accused mining giant Rio Tinto Ltd. of committing economic espionage for six years, saying in a report the spying caused "tremendous harm" to China's economic security. Data from Rio Tinto's computers showed the company "used all possible means" to obtain secret information, including bribery, according to Baomi.org, a website run by the State Secrets Bureau. It did not specify what the secret information was or cite specific evidence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Brick slips to second-quarter loss

Brick Group Income Fund slipped to a $146.4-million loss in the second quarter, driven primarily by asset impairment charges, while the company has also raised $25 million in new financing to help its business. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Air Canada prepares for cost reductions

Air Canada says it's embarking on a cultural change that will result in deeper cost cutting, including possible route and fleet reductions, as it attempts to restore its profitability in the face of ongoing economic turbulence.

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Air Canada CEO Calin Rovinescu said the airline will evaluate everything from routes and schedules to market strategies.

The country's largest airline is now aiming for $500 million in annualized cost reductions and revenue enhancements within three years, double the previous target.

An internal tactical team will implement more than 100 initiatives to reduce costs by about $400 million, including $50 million this year and $250 million in 2010. Air Canada also plans to increase revenues by $100 million.

"Everything will be thoroughly evaluated over the next short while with a sense of urgency, nothing will be overlooked. This includes routes, schedules, fleet, supplier relationships and all of our go-to-market strategies," CEO Calin Rovinescu said Friday during a conference call about second-quarter results.

The Montreal-based carrier reported Friday that its net income increased to $155 million or $1.55 per share for the quarter ended June 30, compared to profits of $122 million or $1.22 per share recorded in the same quarter a year ago.

Excluding a $355-million foreign exchange gain and other non-cash adjustments, it lost $268 million.

Like other carriers, Air Canada was affected by the economic downturn, which has eroded demand for air travel.

The airline said the changes won't affect consumers. However, economic conditions will force it to reduce system capacity by three to four per cent during the current third quarter ending Sept. 30.

The July-September period is usually the busiest quarter for airlines because of vacations.

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Microsoft sells ad company to French firm

WEB MARKETING French advertising company Publicis Groupe SA has agreed to buy Microsoft Corp.'s digital advertising firm Razorfish as part of an effort to boost its share of advertising on the Web, according to a joint statement released yesterday.

According to the statement, the transaction is being valued at $530 million, expected to be provided in a combination of cash and 6.5 million Publicis Groupe treasury shares. As part of the agreement, Publicis — which has clients including Ford Motor Co., Best Buy Co. and McDonald's Corp. — will purchase ad dollars over a five-year term across Microsoft's digital properties.

Razorfish will continue to operate under its brand name and be part of Viva-Ki, the new Publicis Groupe entity created in June 2008 to reflect independent operations of Digitas, Starcom MediaVest Group, Denuo and ZenithOptimedia.

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Business in brief

BUFFETT'S PROGRESS Warren Buffett's company on Friday reported a 14 per cent jump in second-quarter profit as the improving stock market boosted the value of Berkshire Hathaway Inc.'s derivative contracts but the recession continued to weigh on its operating businesses. The Omaha-based company reported $3.3 billion US in net income for the quarter ending June 30. That's up from $2.88 billion in the same period a year ago.

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GM must give consumers reasons to buy: Experts

AUTO Put the brakes on the apologies. Think about your brands. And give us a reason to buy your cars.

That's what marketing gurus say General Motors Co. must do as it begins a massive overhaul of advertising worth more than $2 billion a year now that it's out of bankruptcy protection. Since emerging from bankruptcy last month, GM is looking to revive sales as it focuses on its four remaining brands: Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet and GMC. Experts say it has to get back to basics and tell consumers why they should choose its cars over those made by rivals like Ford, Toyota and Honda. "I would like to see them forget about apologizing, get out from under that GM umbrella and start beating somebody and start talking to me about that fine line of Chevys, Caddies and Buicks," said Jim Wangers, the marketing guru behind the Pontiac GTO, GM's first muscle car in the 1960s.

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Online shopping

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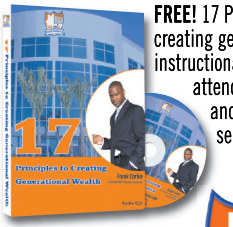

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Going Green

Making pens eco-friendly

Americans buy more than 5.1 billion pens every year — most of which end up in the dump, according to Kim McKay and Jenny Bonnin's True Green @ Work: 100 Ways You Can Make the Environment Your Business. Use long-life refillable pens made from recycled plastic, paper or timber. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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5 things to do today to be green

TIPS Being green can be easier than you think.

1. Remove cellphone, iPod and laptop chargers from the wall when not charging. Chargers keep drawing electricity even if the device isn't charging.
2. There are environmentally-responsible choices instead of bottled water such as the world's first carbon negative bottled water, Fiji Water. Recycle your empty bottles.
3. Use a compost bin to turn food waste into fertilizer for the garden.
4. Place recyclable shopping bags in car, desk and purse so there is no excuse to use plastic.
5. Repair leaky faucets. A dripping tap can waste 800 litres a month.

NEWS CANADA

Mother Nature not frail old lady

EarthTones

We talk a lot in this column about protecting the environment, about treading lightly on the Earth. This sometimes promotes a view of Mother Nature as a delicate, frail old lady who needs our constant care.

While this is true, we must not forget that the old dame still has some kick to her. We got some first-hand proof of the awesome power of nature this week.

This was not some epic event like a tornado or hurricane, just a simple summer thunderstorm.

This storm dumped 11 centimetres of rain onto our town in a couple of hours, flooding streets, basements and closing two major highways. People had to scramble out of their cars and seek higher ground. Major appliances in people's basements were moved to different rooms by the force of the water.

One sad thing was the impact of the massive volume of water on a local pond.

This pond was a beautiful place, home to many birds and fish. The flash flood washed out the debris dam at the foot of the pond and caused three-quarters of the water to drain out.

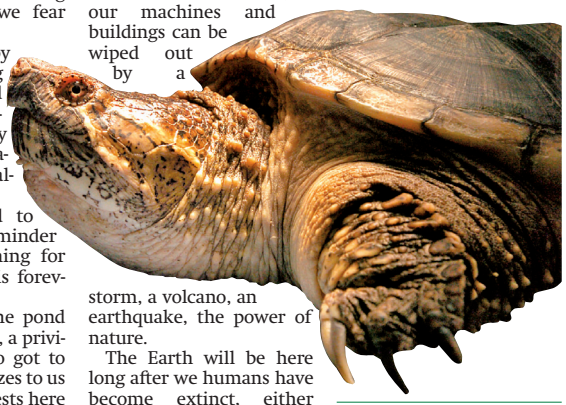
This pond contained huge snapping turtles thought to be about 80 years old. We hope they were able to resist being swept away but we fear they were not.

The scar caused by the water rushing out of the pond looks like something carved out by a major river or waterfall, not our usually stagnant pond.

What happened to the pond is a reminder not to take anything for granted. Nothing is forever.

The beauty of the pond was a gift of nature, a privilege for those who got to enjoy it. It emphasizes to us that we are just guests here on Earth. Beings who have existed for just a blip in terms of geological time.

We think we humans are all-powerful and indeed we do have the power to do terrible things to our planet. But all we have built, all our machines and buildings can be wiped out by a storm, a volcano, an earthquake, the power of nature.



The Earth will be here long after we humans have become extinct, either through our own doing or from natural causes. Protecting the environment is not for the Earth, it is for us, so that we can live happy, healthy lives during our sojourn here.

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Backyard alternative to green bin program

Backyard composters were popular before cities introduced green bin programs. The attractions are obvious: Composters are easy to set up and easy to use. They produce great soil for your garden and they soak up one-third of your garbage — the stinkiest third, the bits of rotting vegetables and fruit that turn garbage pails into soup tureens.

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Worm composting can be done indoors and outdoors, providing apartment dwellers with a means of composting.

Worried about raccoons or rats? As long as you do your composting correctly, experts say, rodents shouldn't be a problem. And getting it right just means mixing kitchen waste evenly with carbon-rich material such as dry leaves or shredded newspaper.

Here's a guide to setting up a backyard composter.

1. Find a flat place in your yard. Or make a place flat. You will need about one-square-metre of space.
2. Insulate the bottom of your new bin with twigs and leaves for drainage.
3. Assemble the basic ingredients: Browns and greens. Browns are carbonous items, like dried leaves, wood shavings or shredded newspaper.
4. Greens are most of the things you would throw into your green bin, sans meat, fish, diapers and milk products.
5. Empty your kitchen green bin in the middle of your composter and cover it with equal amounts of brown.
6. Add a dusting of soil to the top, to boost the crew of micro-organisms needed to start breaking the food down.
7. Leave it for at least one week. That way, it will become "hot" as the microorganisms feast on the organics.
8. "Turn" your compost every week or two. That means stick a pole into it and stir.
9. Keep compost moist.
10. In three months, your old tea bags and rotten strawberries will be transformed into brown, crumbly soil.

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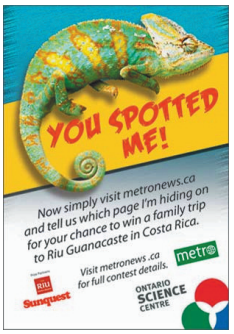
What goes in

- Fruit and vegetable scraps; coffee grounds; rice and pasta; egg shells; tea bags; paper napkins and towels; plant trimmings.
- Don't compost meat, fish, bones, dairy products; oils or fats; sauces; pet poo; diapers; diseased plants; weeds with seeds.



England withdraws from world badminton championship

England has pulled out of the badminton world championships in Hyderabad, India, next week after the tournament reportedly received a terrorist threat from a Pakistan-based Islamic militant group. The Badminton Association of India denied yesterday there has been any threat issued to the tournament. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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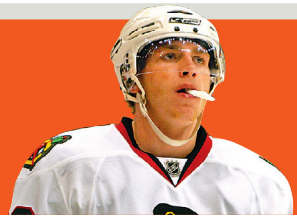

Kane, cousin charged

Chicago Blackhawks star Patrick Kane, left, was charged with attacking a cab driver in his hometown of Buffalo early yesterday, a beating police said was triggered when the driver did not have 20 cents in change to give the player and his cousin, James Kane. Both men were charged with felony robbery and misdemeanour counts of theft of services and criminal mischief. Patrick Kane pleaded not guilty in court yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Jays rough up Orioles

MLB RESULTS

Baltimore 3 Toronto 7

Orioles AT Blue Jays

Kevin Millar, Marco Scutaro and Vernon Wells belted home runs for Toronto as the Blue Jays won the rubber match of a three-game set with Baltimore yesterday afternoon, 7-3 over the Orioles.

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Toronto's Vernon Wells hits a two-run homer off Baltimore starting pitcher Brian Matusz yesterday during the Blue Jays 7-3 win over the Orioles.

Toronto ace Roy Halladay won his first decision since July 19 in front of a crowd of 27,464 at Rogers Centre.

Halladay (12-5), making his second start since the July 31 non-waiver trade deadline passed with him still in a Toronto uniform, allowed three runs — two earned — on nine hits and a walk, to go along with four strikeouts over eight innings.

Jason Frasor pitched a scoreless ninth.

Baltimore left-hander Brian Matusz (1-1), the fourth player taken in the 2008 draft, allowed seven hits and five runs in 2⅔ innings in his second major-league start.

The 22-year-old Matusz departed in Toronto's four-run third after two-run homers from Scutaro and Wells.

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Bleacher Creatures' surprisingly knowledgeable taunts

DAVID SINGH
for Metro Toronto

BASEBALL Each time a visiting player takes the field in Yankee Stadium, he should be ready to hear all forms of insults hurled his way. After all, the Yankee fans are notorious for being some of the toughest in all of sports.

Just ask Blue Jays centre-fielder Vernon Wells. Whenever he mans the outfield there, he never quite knows what he'll hear from the merciless fans — known as Bleacher Creatures — who sit just metres away.

Even so, Wells insists the ballpark in the Bronx is his favourite place to play.

"Obviously they say some stuff that can't be repeated," Wells said with a grin. "But I enjoy it because it's a fun atmosphere to play in. They make it enjoyable."

Toronto will visit Yankee Stadium today to begin a three-game series, so Metro asked some Blue Jays about taunts they've heard from the fans:

Wells: "'You even suck in a video game.' Or, 'Your mother's a Yankees fan.'"

Marco Scutaro: "Someone told me to get a haircut. But I don't even have that much hair!"

Ricky Romero: "I usually get made fun of with my hat because it's got such a straight bill. We were in New York and people were on me. They were like 'nice hat.' They used different words, but they were really making fun of my hat."

Kevin Millar (coined the term "cowboy up" while playing for Boston during the 2003 playoffs): "A lot of my stuff is with that 'cowboy up' phrase. It's either 'cowboy down,' cowboy this or cowboy that. They have fun with it, especially with me being an ex-Red Sox player."

Scott Richmond (who used to work on the shipyard docks in Vancouver): "Some cities that you go to, it's surprising how much they know about you, your family and your life. If you're in New York, they yell at you about going back to the docks and working. It's just how these people sometimes know — they dig in a lot. They don't just know you as a ballplayer, they find out everything about you.

"It's kind of cool, but they also kind of get you where you're like, 'Huh, you knew that?'"

Provincial money may decide fate of Montreal's MLS dream

It's Called Football

Ben Rycroft

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Despite what thousands of screaming 12-year-olds will tell you, Cristiano Ronaldo's presence in Toronto was not the biggest soccer news being made this weekend.

Far be it from me to judge what constitutes proper soccer appreciation, but I'll just say that I felt for the fathers on this day. How comfortable can it be for a soccer dad to stand next to his darling daughter when said darling daughter has "take it off C. Ronaldo" scrawled on her stomach?

As I said, soccer is just starting to approach the mainstream, so far be it for me to judge what fills the stands.

But for those who were not interested in seeing Ronaldo "take it off," the weekend's big news came when MLS commissioner Don Garber spoke to the media on possible expansion to Montreal.

He backed away from earlier statements in which he made it seem as though Montreal joining MLS in 2011 was a certainty, but stayed committed enough to the city to keep the tongues wagging.

"The next step for us is to work with them on trying to get public support to expand and renovate that stadium," Garber said.

"Without that, we're not going to be able to go (into Montreal)."

Just a week ago, Garber said Montreal would likely be the 19th team to join MLS and, with a clever choice of words, appeared to declare Canada would have a third team in MLS by 2011.

At best it was a vague statement. At worst, well, at worst sometimes people hear what they want to hear. Or, rather, people hear what Garber wants them to hear.

During the expansion process Garber had the habit of showing up in bid cities when they needed him the most and making outlandish statements like, "Ottawa is a favourite in the MLS race" and "Atlanta is a terrific soccer city."

In both cases it put pressure on the municipalities to get their stadium affairs in order.

"At best it was a vague statement. At worst, well, at worst sometimes people hear what they want to hear. Or, rather, people hear what (MLS commissioner Don) Garber wants them to hear."

And it's no different now. Montreal Impact owner Joey Saputo is waiting on the Quebec provincial government to commit $25 million to a stadium expansion.

In the meantime, Garber teases back and forth between praise and ultimatum, but his words are meant to do nothing more than put pressure on la belle province to come through with the money.

If it does, Montreal will be on its way to MLS, likely in 2012.

If it doesn't, then Montreal becomes the next Ottawa and MLS moves on to another city willing to put up the money. After all, soccer dad and daughter have to stand somewhere.

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Pogge headed to Anaheim: Report

Toronto Maple Leafs general manager Brian Burke appears set to keep his promise to Justin Pogge today as reports have the goalie being traded to the Anaheim Ducks in exchange for a conditional draft pick. The Leafs are also reportedly close to the signing goalie Joey MacDonald, who spent last season with the Islanders. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Woods wins No. 70

Tiger within three of Golden Bear on career list

First came another signature moment from Tiger Woods, an 8-iron over the water that stopped a foot from the hole. Even more stunning was the meltdown that followed by Padraig Harrington.

In a swift turn of events on Firestone's famous 16th hole, Woods went from one shot behind to a four-shot victory yesterday by closing with a 5-under 65 to win the Bridgestone Invitational.

Woods became the first player in PGA Tour history to win seven times on the same golf course.

It was his 16th victory in the World Golf Championship series, and the world's No. 1 player now goes to the PGA Championship next week at Hazeltine with two straight victories after missing the cut last month in the British Open.

After nearly four hours in the tough battle that Harrington expected, he let it slip away in shocking fashion.

Woods left himself some 170 yards over the water, and his 8-iron landed near the pin and rolled back a foot away. Harrington hit from the collar of a bunker over the 16th green, but his flop shot behind the green came out hot and into the water.

He wound up with a triple bogey and closed with a 3-over 73 to share second place with Robert Allenby, who had a 66.

Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., shot even-par 70 on the day to finish alone in 10th, eight shots back.

It was the 70th victory of his PGA Tour career, three behind Jack Nicklaus in second place. Sam Snead (82) holds the record.

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Tiger Woods hoists the trophy after winning the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament yesterday in Akron, Ohio.

Sports in brief

RACING Scott Dixon became IndyCar's leader in career victories yesterday, pulling away from the field to capture the Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio. The victory was Dixon's fourth of the season and 20th of his IndyCar career, breaking a tie with former series star Sam Hornish Jr.

BASEBALL Cincinnati Reds third baseman Scott Rolen was evaluated in Cincinnati yesterday for concussion-like symptoms and will remain inactive for several more days until his symptoms have improved. Rolen was hit in the head by a Jason Marquis fastball last Sunday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada sets world records in pool

SWIMMING Canada broke the world record in both the men's and women's 4x100 medley relays yesterday to conclude the British Grand Prix swimming competition.

Over the course of the event, Canadian swimmers broke four world records and set seven Commonwealth marks.

In the women's 4x100 medley relay, Calgary's Katie Murdoch, Vancouver's Annamay Pierse, and Audrey Lacroix and Victoria Poon, both of Montreal, clocked three minutes 49.45 seconds to break the world record of 3:51.36 set by the U.S. last year.

In the men's 4x100 medley relay, Jake Tapp of Langley, B.C., Joe Bartoch of London, Ont., Calgary's Paul Kornfeld and Vancouver's Brent Hayden finished in 3:23.33 to eclipse the world record of 3:24.29 set by Russia last year.

It is the second Canadian world record for a men's relay this week. The 4x200 freestyle standard was beaten on Friday.

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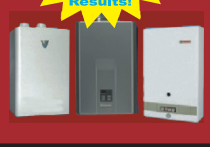

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U of T protestors want charges dropped

Two University of Toronto students who were among 14 students charged with forcible confinement after an on-campus sit-in in March 2008 to protest fee hikes appeared in court Wednesday to have the 16-month-old charges withdrawn, arguing that the delay in the case going to trial has been unreasonable. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Lethbridge goes international

Lethbridge College in southern Alberta is reporting an increase of nearly 11 per cent in applications for the 2009-10 school year, despite a shrinking pool of potential students in the school's catchment area. Prospective learners are applying not only from across Canada, but also from the U.S., India, Kenya, Ghana, Uganda, and Nigeria.

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Workology in **brief**

JOB LOSSES More than 45,000 Canadians lost their jobs in July, according to a Statistics Canada report — more than double what economists had predicted. Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says he expects more job losses in the coming months, but is optimistic about recovery in 2010. The majority of last month's job losses were in Quebec, with Saskatchewan, Newfoundland and Labrador following, while unemployment remained little changed in other provinces. Two sectors where gains were seen across the country were in the retail and wholesale trade.

INUIT CULTURE A new state-of-the-art cultural school is being built in Nunavut. The multi-million-dollar Inuit school, called Piqqusilirivvik, will provide a place where Inuit from across the northern territory can gather to preserve their culture, tradition and language through traditional skills training taught by Elders. The school, which is expected to open in 2011 and admit 26 students who are 18 and older and have the support of their community, has received $24-million in funding from the federal government. Tuition and living expenses for students will be paid by the territory, which has a population of 31,400.

JOBLESS RATE The unemployment rate for Canadian students hit an all-time high of 21 per cent in July. This summer has been the worst on record for student job seekers. Two sectors — hospitality and construction — that usually hire students during the summer, were hit particularly hard by the recession.

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Horoscopes you read in the newspaper are only accurate for one twelfth of the population, says one astrologer.

Your future in the stars

OddJobs

Diane Peters

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Some say astrology is a blend of math, science, craft and intuition. But even Brandi Jasmine will tell you the horoscope you read in the paper or online is more like a wild guess.

That's because a person's true daily reading is determined not just by their sign, but the date and precise time of their birth. "They're accurate for about one-twelfth of the population," she says.

Jasmine, 45, composes the daily horoscopes on Astrology.ca — which she also syndicates out to web sites and print publications — by looking at the pie-shaped astrology chart for each day and noting the different "aspects" for each sign that are active that day.

Since she's been writing horoscopes for over a decade and has hundreds, she randomly picks one for an appropriate aspect and runs it that day.

Jasmine is more precise when she does a personal reading. After getting someone's birth details, she calls on a computer program to make up the chart. She then reads from the chart, a process that takes about an hour.

Here, she uses a mix of mathematical knowledge of what the planet's positions mean. But she's also very empathic, she says, so senses things from the person as well.

Jasmine was born in very devout Pentecostal B.C. family that had little tolerance for such things. She was known as "sensitive" growing up.

Only when she moved to Vancouver in her early 20s did Jasmine finally get in touch with her psychic side. But it was overwhelming. She called her mother, telling her she was having powerful visions and dreams. Her mother insisted she come home immediately and go to church. The sermon, ironically, was on visions and dreams.

"I guess this must be OK with God," Jasmine thought. She returned to Vancouver and began readying up on tarot, horoscopes and astrology. She began doing readings, attending psychic fairs and getting to know others who shared the same gifts and interests.

She penned the self-published book Living with Your Psychic Gifts and found she enjoyed spreading the word about astrology and psychic vision as much as she liked using her gifts.

In the late 1990s, she moved to Toronto and started working for an Internet company. She started Astrology.ca and found she preferred doing her work online: She finds face-to-face work overwhelming, as she'll often take on other's feelings.

Today, Jasmine works in customer service in Welland, Ont., by day and keeps very busy at night. She updates Astrology.ca and her numerous other websites. She's also an artist and a writer. She rarely does personal readings these days — but she will have one done for herself every time she's at a personal crossroads.

The Lowdown

Job title: Astrologer
Salary: $120 per reading
Education/training: Most are self-taught
Best Part of the Job: "The personal growth aspect. Being able to witness when the lights come on in someone's eyes after a reading."
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Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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Make-up artists can work on getting the eye shadow shade just right, left, or making Arnold Schwarzenegger's face fleck off as he walks into a barrage of bullets, as long as it looks real.

The Gemini-winning make-up artist got into the business at 16 with a job at a department store's make-up counter. She loved it and moved to make-up for models. Lee relocated to the bright lights of L.A., but it didn't suit her.

"It got to be a little strenuous, because cocaine was very big, and (there were lots of) crazy people, so I decided to come back to Montréal," she explains. After a stint doing TV commercials, she landed a gig with the National Film Board of Canada for a movie on war veterans. That entailed creating broken noses.

"I took baby-bottle nipples, cut off the tops and stuffed them in," she says of her solution. One of the actors was fellow Canadian Matt Craven, who currently has a role in the Johnny Depp movie Public Enemies. "He has a honking big nose," she observes. "You just put that up the nostrils and it distorts the nose."

She's "birthed a few babies" on TV, with a realism that wows the doctors brought in to check that they do in fact look like newborns.

In action movies, Lee has to make realistic wounds that match the script. "It's a lot of breaking down the scripts," she says. "You have to go to the stunt coordinator so we know whether the guy's going to get shot in the left leg or the right leg."

> **"I just have a very good sense of what things should look like."** Penny Lee, make-up artist

Lee, who worked on P.T. Barnum with Beau Bridges, was Christopher Lambert's personal make-up artist for Highlander 3 and travelled to Russia to do two films with Michael Caine.

Everything she learned, she learned on the job. "I had no training or anything, but I just have a very good sense of what things should look like," she says.

The tough part of being a freelance make-up artist becomes apparent when she describes her nine-hour days on This Hour Has 22 Minutes as a "walk in the park."

Gruelling 18-hour days are the norm on movies, but offset by the fact that with clever planning, you can take a few months off each year.

"The downside to it is that you don't have a full-time job and you don't have one employer," she says. "So unless you're good, you're always searching for work."

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Taking lead behind the scenes

MAT LECOMPTE
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Run Forrest, Run!

While he may not have the speed of Forrest Gump or taken two feet and a heartbeat across the United States, Jack Boem has run up the ranks in the world of Hollywood.

Starting as an on-set runner in 1988, Boem's had a successful career as an assistant director for the last 15 years. In that time, he's worked on major motion pictures with some of the biggest stars to hit the silver screen in the last decade.

Currently, he's working on a film called Scott Pilgrim vs. The World starring Superbad's Michael Cera. His body of work also includes the Oscar-nominated film Water, and soon-to-be-released Amelia, starring Hilary Swank, Ewan McGregor and Richard Gere.

With big names like that, managing schedules and coming up with the right strategy to make filming as easy as possible can a challenge. That's where the assistant director comes in.

"It's like middle-management," he says. "It's my job to break down the script and see what's required. Once we start shooting, I schedule the day."

Breaking down the script and seeing what's required involves a number of factors; the most important being the budget. The budget of the film plays heavily in making decisions about location, scheduling, finding the right actors, extras, music and choreography.

Because of the cost constraints, Boem must analyze the script and come up with the most effective, economical and logical way to complete the filming. If a star can only be available for a limited amount of time, he must come up with a way to film scenes that fits possible time limitations. In addition, the more the stars have to be flown to location, the more it will cost. Because of these fluctuating schedules, Boem finds himself putting in long hours in order to make sure things run smoothly.

When he's spending that kind of time at the job site, Boem wants to do his best to make sure he's working on projects he enjoys. When considering which jobs he'd like to take, he looks at the quality of the script, the scheduling — he is not a big fan of night shoots anymore — and any moral issues he may have.

"Shortly after 9/11 I received a script with an angle I wasn't comfortable with," he says. "I didn't agree with the approach the film was taking. It was too soon after the event."

However, this isn't too common Boem notes.

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Cheech Marin gets married

Cheech Marin married his longtime girlfriend, Russian-born pianist Natasha Rubin, in a sunset ceremony at their Malibu home, people.com reports. The ceremony was held in front of about 75 guests, including Hollywood pals Don Johnson and Robert Rodriguez. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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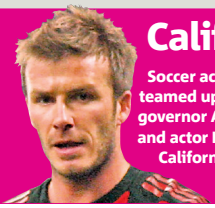

California stars

Soccer ace David Beckham has teamed up with action star-turned-governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and actor Rob Lowe to promote California to tourists.

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Master of the mixtape

Director John Hughes was a modern day soundtrack guru

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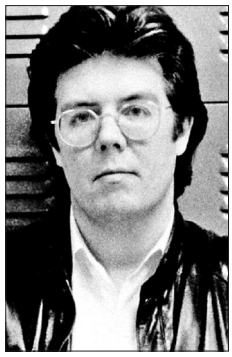
It's hard to find a soundtrack these days without a song from some up-and-coming indie band, but that wasn't the case twenty years ago. In the '80s movies often showcased big name pop acts, so when John Hughes included a song from a little known U.K. act in the opening scene of The Breakfast Club it made waves through the music and movie communities.



Ferris Bueller's Day Off, left, was just one of many films that director John Hughes, right, used to showcase new music. Hughes' ability to marry scenes with sounds was revolutionary.

The song, Don't You Forget About Me, not only gave Simple Minds their first and only number one hit stateside, it transformed Hughes from a talented director to pop culture trend-setter.

"A lot of directors just threw in tunes because they sounded good, but Hughes chose songs that meant something to a scene or a character," says Michael Perlmutter, a Toronto-based music supervisor with Instinct Entertainment. "He was one of the first modern day soundtrack gurus."

Plenty of other bands also found success after appearing in a Hughes movie — The Smiths in Pretty in Pink, Yello in Ferris Bueller's Day off to name two — but more importantly the director is, arguably, responsible for making new wave the soundtrack to the '80s.

"Hughes was breaking bands," says Corey Marr, a Toronto-based producer whose new film, Passenger Side, and its eclectic soundtrack, will make its Canadian debut at the Toronto International Film Festival in September. "He wasn't going into back catalogues (of popular acts) — a lot of that synth pop was new."

"I don't look at the album as a marketing tool, because I think if you do that then you're going to fail. I'm not gonna say, 'Look, you guys are real hot so we'll stick you in the movie and we'll get it in all these stores and all these stations.' That isn't right." — John Hughes, 1950-2009

Besides discovering new music, Hughes' ability to marry scenes with sounds was revolutionary in itself.

"For Hughes, the music and the movie were one and the same," says Marr. "Listening to one of his soundtracks was a logical extension to his movies."

"He found the right tunes for the right scenes and somehow captured the entire pulp culture in three and a half minute songs," adds Perlmutter.

While Hughes' movies and musical choices still have an enormous impact in pop culture today, a lot of directors haven't paid as much attention to their soundtracks as he did.

Marr says that movie scores are still record label marketing tools, but there are a few directors like Cameron Crowe, Quentin Tarantino and Wes Anderson who use the "John Hughes method" of creating soundtracks.

And that method, Hughes told MTV news in 1986, means a song "can't just be written apart and shoved in. It's got to come out of the action. It's got to talk about the characters, not the story, it has to augment that action."

Director treated teens with respect

InFocus
Richard Crouse

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John Hughes wrote many lines that, in light of his untimely passing last Thursday at age 59, take on heightened meaning. Perhaps the most memorable comes from Ferris Bueller's Day Off. "Life moves pretty fast," says Ferris. "If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

By all reports Mr. Hughes did his best to "stop and look around," virtually retiring from public life in 1991 to spend more time with his wife of 39 years on their Wisconsin farm.

Although his last film as a director was 16 years ago his influence can still be felt today. Before Hughes, teen characters on film had only a passing resemblance to the real thing. There were the sanitized Disney kids, the goofy Beach Party crowd (who weren't actually teens at all!) or the juvenile delinquents, bad girls or hot rodders of the '50s and '60s.

Those movies were often a lot of fun, but none had the resonance of the teen life presented by Hughes.

"His films ... took teens seriously and didn't talk down to or exploit them."

His films like Sixteen Candles and Breakfast Club took teens seriously and didn't talk down to or exploit them. He understood that while many adults didn't take teen problems seriously, teens did. He knew having no date to the prom, or worse, the wrong date, could be devastating to the teen psyche and handled situations like that in a way that had never before been seen on film. Without Hughes and that sensitivity we might not have movies like Tadpole, 13 or Twilight which treat teens realistically (well, except for that whole existence of vampires thing).

Ben Stein, who rose to fame as the deadpan teacher in Ferris Bueller, recognized the impact Hughes made. "He was the poet of the youth of America in the post war period," he said, adding "he was to them what Shakespeare was to the Elizabethan age."

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Dancing couple split

Dancer Derek Hough and actress Shannon Elizabeth, who met as pro and star on ABC's Dancing with the Stars, have ended their relationship of over a year. The pair sent out matching statements on Twitter Friday night. PEOPLE.COM

More like G.I. Joke

Channing Tatum stars as Duke, the team leader of the elite G.I. Joe squad in G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra.

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra

Director: Stephen Sommers
Stars: Channing Tatum, Marlon Wayans, Sienna Miller
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕½

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Let's be honest. No one going to see a movie based on a line of action figures with a trailer that resembles Team America: World Police minus the satire should expect anything more than mild escapism.

But recent years movies like Iron Man have brought mild escapism to dazzling new heights and stiff special effects driven flicks like G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra look like a very expensive amateur hour in comparison.

On the web

- For G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra photos, a trailer and screen times — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca.movies.

The film is built around Duke (Channing Tatum) and Rip Cord (Marlon Wayans), a pair of American soldiers who become involved with an elite international team called G.I. Joe after their military convoy transporting experimental new weapons is hijacked by a group of terrorists called M.A.R.S. led by Duke's former flame (Sienna Miller).

Granted provisional membership with the team, Duke, Rip Cord and the other Joes track Miller and her various M.A.R.S. cronies around the globe.

This is a ridiculous, if kind of fun film. While G.I. Joe sounds a little more grounded in reality than Transformers, this summer's other toy-based blockbuster, Tatum's monosyllabic delivery and Wayans' unfunny wisecracks do little to break up the constant stream of explosions and melodramatic "end of the world" situations.

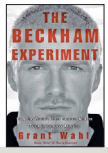
Fans of the original comic and cartoon, essentially the base audience for a film like this, will be frustrated by how far director Stephen Sommers has strayed from the source material. And those unfamiliar with the characters will have to depend on a certain degree of suspension of disbelief to really enjoy the flick.

Living to tell tales of wild '60s

Stories **Done**

Author: Mikal Gilmore
Publisher: Free Press
Price: $21.00 (Paperback)

THIS WEEKEND marks the 40th anniversary of Woodstock, popular music's most legendary music festival. The event concluded a decade of significant musical, artistic and political change, which Mikal Gilmore relives in Stories Done. From Johnny Cash, The Beatles and Bob Marley to The Doors, Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd, Gilmore examines how the slate of musical monoliths helped shape the '60s, including the dark side of drugs and illness. Supported by sketches of a nation-changing political landscape and literary developments driven by writers like Hunter S. Thompson, Stories Done isolates and indulges in an incomparable decade.



The Beckham **Experiment**

Author: Grant Wahl
Publisher: Crown Books
Price: $29.99 (Hardcover)

KICKING SOCCER, a wildly popular sport in England, stateside has been tried before, but the sport has never amounted to the athletic pedestal it's achieved in the United Kingdom.

Then again, there's never been a soccer star as internationally celebrated as David Beckham. The man who mixes sport with celebrity was selected to try America again, marked by his move to the Los Angeles Galaxy team in 2007. In The Beckham Experiment, Grant Wahl traces the debated move and the players behind the attempt to assess how his move was really a plot and what success it achieved.

BookPicks

American **Adulterer**

Author: Jed Mercurio
Publisher: Jonathan Cape
Price: $34.00 (Hardcover)

WHEN JOHN Edwards, Eliot Spitzer and Mark Sanford do it, they're abhorred in the media and among the masses. But when the 35th President of the United States John F. Kennedy did it, he was naughty by nature. That's the mental stance of the president Jed Mercurio takes in his novel, American Adulterer. But his sexual exploits catch up with the president, whose affairs with women from Marilyn Monroe to his 19-year-old intern are detailed in relation to the toll they took on him and his family. Using JFK as a figure of later influence, Mercurio examines how politicians' private lives have become matters of greater public scrutiny. BRIAN COULTON/ FOR METRO CANADA

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Coroner says cocaine in Billy Mays' system

A coroner has confirmed that cocaine was found in celebrity pitchman Billy Mays' system during his autopsy. Mays' family has spoken out about the released information, calling the coroner's findings speculative and unnecessary. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

weekend box office

1. **G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra:** $56.2 million US
2. **Julie & Julia** $20.1 million
3. **G-Force:** $9.8 million
4. **Harry Potter :** $8.9 million
5. **Funny People:** $7.9 million
6. **The Ugly Truth:** $7 million
7. **A Perfect Getaway:** $5.8 million
8. **Aliens in the Attic:** $4 million
9. **Orphan:** $3.7 million
10. **(500) Days of Summer:** $3.7 million

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Concert pay in jeopardy?

Jackson's London show insurance excluded 'illicit' drug use

A concert promoter's insurance on Michael Jackson's London shows has provisions that may deny a multimillion dollar payout if the pop star was found to have illegally possessed drugs or was involved in the "illicit taking of drugs."

The policy, a copy of which was provided Friday to The Associated Press, covers cancellations resulting from death, but its provisions will hinge on the results of an autopsy that has been delayed twice.

Jackson's doctor administered multiple sedatives along with the powerful anesthetic propofol, a potentially lethal combination, hours before the singer died June 25, a law enforcement official who requested anonymity because the death investigation is ongoing told the AP.

It was not immediately clear whether any medications Jackson was taking would negate a payout up to $17.5 million, which would ultimately benefit his estate.

DAVE HOGAN/GETTY IMAGES

Michael Jackson announces his plans for a summer residency of 50 concerts at London's O2 Arena in March. The promoter's insurance for the series of shows contained a clause denying the pop star his payout if he was found to be involved with drugs.

The insurance policy, covering the first 13 shows of the 50-show run, was taken out by Jackson and concert promoter AEG Live in April. Such a policy is considered standard for events on the scale of the one for which Jackson was preparing.

A copy of the insurance policy also showed that it had several clauses that would prevent a payout, including if the singer concealed information or acted carelessly to increase the risk of a no-show.

A claim could take months to resolve through a settlement or in court, and either route could be delayed as police investigate a manslaughter charge.

A New York doctor with no connection to AEG Live conducted a medical exam of Jackson in February. AEG Live chief executive Randy Phillips said he was told by the insurance underwriter that Jackson passed "with flying colours."

AEG Live and the special administrators of Jackson's estate have been moving quickly to cut business deals that will help the concert promoter recoup the more than $30 million it is currently owed by his estate. An insurance payout would go a long way to reducing the estate's obligation to AEG Live.

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critics' corner

Sophie

Focus, girl, focus! Sophie (Natalie Brown) tries to keep her attention on Estelle and Melissa's (Sara Botsford, Amy Lalonde) movie and premiere party and to not think about Andre (Lyriq Bent). Rick's (Sebastian Spence) relationship with Melissa hits a snag in the bedroom. Jeff Geddis and Mimi Kuzyk also star in "It's My Party." 8:30 PM on CBC

Teen Choice 2009

The Jonas Brothers host and perform during this high-energy awards presentation honoring the year's hottest teen icons for contributions to television, music, film, sports and fashion. The Black Eyed Peas are slated to perform; also scheduled to appear are Kristen Bell, Jordana Brewster, Ashley Greene, Vanessa Hudgens, Kim Kardashian, Taylor Lautner, Sean Kingston and Emma Roberts, among others. 8 PM on GTV, FOX

CSI: Miami

Ryan Wolfe (Jonathan Togo) is in a tough spot. He's been kidnapped by Russian mobsters and ordered to clear one of their guys of robbing and killing an exchange broker. He's not about to cooperate until they threaten to harm the young son of a friend. So he plays along, even though that means betraying Horatio (David Caruso) and the rest of the team in "Wolfe in Sheep's Clothing." 10 PM on CTV. CBS

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Baby girl for Baldwin

Daniel Baldwin and his wife, Joanne, welcomed their second baby girl Friday, his rep tells usmagazine.com. Finley Rae Martineau Baldwin was born at 9:35 a.m. at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in L.A. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Kara 'shocked' that Paula left Idol

INTERNAL POLITICS Kara DioGuardi is still shocked that Paula Abdul has quit American Idol after eight seasons, usmagazine.com reports.

"I can't get over it. I'm completely shocked," she said on Ryan Seacrest's radio show Friday. "It's such a loss for the show, such a loss for the contestants. She's definitely the heart of the panel.

"The kind of heart she treated the contestants with she treated me with last year," said DioGuardi, who added that she was "scared" joining the show last season. "She was so kind to me and made me feel immediately like part of the panel."

She added that she hopes Abdul "will reconsider" her decision to leave. DioGuardi shot down speculation that she was hired last season as an insurance policy against Abdul in case she leaves.

Abdul — who left show because she reportedly she didn't get her desired $20 million US deal — isn't sweating the fact that she is out of a job. "At this point, there are so many wonderful things that are being offered to me," Abdul told the media late last week.

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Posh ready to fight Simon

INCOMING JUDGE Victoria Beckham is looking forward to sparring with Simon Cowell when she sits in as a judge on the upcoming season of American Idol, briefly replacing Paula Abdul.

"He has a very tongue-in-cheek British sense of humour, which I have too," Beckham told Ryan Seacrest on his radio show. "I'm looking forward to a bit of banter. I hope he does give me a little bit of a hard time. I love that. I feed off of that."

Beckham and Cowell have crossed paths before. "He is the only man in the music industry who turned down the Spice Girls and said we would never work," she said.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Sharon has nothing to hide on mag cover

COUGAR Sharon Stone has posed topless at 51, and she's proud to flaunt it, the huffingtonpost.com reports.

The actress and humanitarian graces the cover of French weekly magazine Paris Match in a high-waisted bondage corset, black underwear, stilettos, arms over her head and topless.

There are also several shots inside the magazine.

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GETTY IMAGES

Back-to-back concert dates?

QUALITY TIME TOGETHER Before jetting off to Vancouver to begin filming Eclipse, Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart got some downtime together and enjoyed a concert in Hollywood on Thursday night and then again on Friday, people.com reports.

The Twilight stars snuck into Bobby Long's concert at Hotel Cafe about three songs into his set with Pattinson's close pal Marcus Foster (who wrote a song on the Twilight soundtrack) on Thursday. The group watched the performance from a curtained-off area on the stage where there was sound equipment and a few bar stools.

After Long finished his set, the group quickly exited the venue and jumped into a waiting cab.

The two headed out for a second night in a row Friday, this time catching Foster's show at Hotel Café. They later partied with pals at the Chateau Marmont into the night.

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Neverland on the move?

WACKY PLANS Plans are reportedly being discussed to relocate Michael Jackson's beloved Neverland Ranch to the Nevada desert and turn it into a Graceland-style tourist attraction, according to E! News.

"The idea is to take physically everything that's not part of the dirt and reassemble it in Las Vegas," a source said. The new Neverland would include a museum, theatre and possibly a burial plot for Jackson's body.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Director sticks up for LiLo

TRUE FRIENDS At least someone is willing to come to the defence of Lindsay Lohan. Director Robert Rodriguez, who's working with Lohan for his next film, Machete, says the notoriously troublesome actress is being very professional.

"I already shot some great stuff with her. She's fantastic," Rodriguez told Metro while promoting Shorts, his latest release. Rodriguez insists Lohan's previous work troubles are absent on this project.

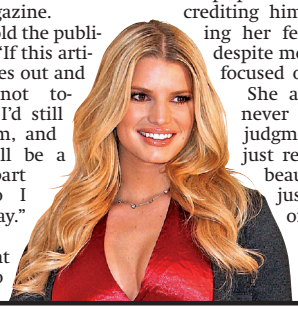
METRO WORLD NEWS

Jessica predicted her breakup?

PRESCIENCE Jessica Simpson hinted at fissions in her relationship with football player Tony Romo in an interview conducted before the couple split, female-first.co.uk reports.

The singer-actress was said to have been devastated after Romo dumped her on the eve of her 29th birthday last month, but she appeared to have sensed their time was over, hinting at a split in an interview with Glamour magazine.

She told the publication, "If this article comes out and we're not together, I'd still love him, and he'd still be a huge part of who I am today."



Simpson went on to heap praise on her ex, crediting him with helping her feel attractive despite media scrutiny focused on her body.

She added: "Tony never ever places judgment. You can just relax and feel beautiful. He's just that type of person."

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Joan plays it safe at party

PARANOIA? Joan Rivers apparently has trouble trusting others. The comedy legend hosted a party at her swanky Upper East Side penthouse recently to celebrate her new TV show, How'd You Get So Rich?

Rivers reportedly hired three security guards to make sure no one made off with any of her valuables, according to Page Six.

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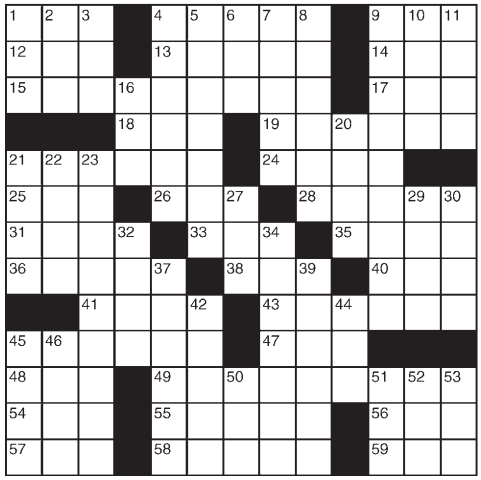

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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ACROSS

1 Make inquiries
4 Like old bread
9 Tend the lawn
12 Eisenhower
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14 "— not choose to run"
15 Thanksgiving pie filling
17 Neither mate
18 Lincoln
19 Safe and sound
21 Panda's fodder
24 Towel marking
25 Mentalist Geller
26 Boxer
28 Chinese peninsula
31 Go under
33 Pitch
35 Unopened tulip
36 Spud
38 "Help!"
40 Hawaiian garland
41 Army vehicle
43 Not prone to bragging
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49 Mesabi Range site
54 Prior to
55 Cybermessages
56 With it, once
57 Knock
58 Settle a debt
59 Scratch the surface

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2 Go schussing
3 Barbie's cohort
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5 Break
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7 Tether
8 Regard
9 Tiny
10 Smell
11 Had on
16 "Cash —"
20 Grouch
21 Sample of statuary
22 Diva's rendition
23 Bourbon recipe
27 Petrol
29 Brewery products
30 Last writes?
32 — over (faint)
34 Bucharest's land
37 Hole-making tool
39 Excluding all else
42 Beef rating
44 Insult
45 Finished
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50 Siesta
51 Resistance measure
52 Afternoon social
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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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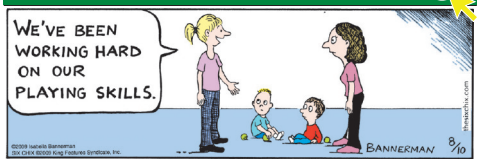

Metro Recipe of the Day

Eggplant Lasagna

INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
1 large onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tbsp (15 ml) Italian seasoning
2 cans (19 oz/540 ml each) diced tomatoes
1 can (28 oz/796 ml) tomato sauce
1 small eggplant (12 oz/375 g), peeled and cut into 1-in. (2.5-cm) pieces
1/4 tsp (5 ml) salt
1 container (16 oz/454 g) low-fat silken tofu, drained
2 large eggs
1 cup (250 ml) grated Parmesan cheese
9 no-boil lasagna noodles
2 cups (500 ml) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 400 F (200 C). Heat oil in large pot over medium-high heat. Add onion and cook until tender, 5 minutes. Add garlic and Italian seasoning and cook 1 minute. Add tomatoes and tomato sauce; bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to low and simmer until flavours are blended, 40 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, coat baking sheet with olive oil cooking spray. Add eggplant, coat with cooking spray and sprinkle with salt. Roast, turning occasionally, until browned, 30 minutes.
3. In food processor, combine tofu, eggs and Parmesan cheese; purée until smooth.
4. Coat 9 x 13-in. (3.5 l) baking dish with cooking spray. Spread 1 cup (250 ml) sauce on bottom of dish and arrange 3 lasagna noodles on top. Spread half of tofu filling over noodles, followed by half of eggplant. Top with 1-1/2 cups (375 ml) sauce and 1/2 cup (125 ml) mozzarella. Repeat with another layer, then top with remaining noodles, sauce and mozzarella.
5. Cover with foil and bake 1 hour. Remove foil and bake until heated through, about 15 minutes. Let cool slightly before serving.

SERVES 12

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Creatively and romantically you have much to offer and the next few days will be special. Make sure you know what you want, and where to get it.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
No matter what happens today or later this week you must stay calm and not let people get under your skin. Think of life as a game — really, that's all it is.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You'll be happiest this week when visiting new places and meeting new people. You'll also be super friendly between now and Aug. 22.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
The sun's transit of the money area of your chart encourages you to take on new ventures, but don't start them until you know how much they'll cost.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Even if you don't see results immediately you will be encouraged to try new things and take new risks, one of which will pay off in a big way.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You have nothing to fear and everything to look forward to but you can't shake the feeling that something awful is going to happen. Well, it's not.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You are entitled to your opinions, so speak up and let the world know what you think and why. Just don't expect that everyone will agree with you.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You won't fully enjoy the good things until you take control of your destiny. Today's cosmic set-up will help you break free of things that are limiting you.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
In the next few days your view on the meaning of life will change profoundly. "Spiritual" issues, for lack of a better word, take on more importance.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Now is the perfect time to clear out physical and emotional junk from your life. If you feel like scrapping everything and starting again, go ahead.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
It may seem as if others are having a great time while you're struggling, but it's not that bad. Get involved with things in your neighbourhood.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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